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FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1916.

A KINDLY INTEREST.

The other day in Boston Cardinal O'Connell met Bishop Lawrence, who is president of the church pension fund of the Episcopal church. After a cordial greeting Cardinal O'Connell said:

"Bishop, I want to thank you and your church for what you are doing for the better support and the pensions of the clergy. You are bringing all the clergy before the people as persons, as men who have human needs and troubles and everyday responsibilities. Too many people look upon the priests as officials only. You are helping everybody to feel that they are also men. God speed you in your great work."

There was a spontaneity about the meeting and greeting that showed a bond of sympathy. The Catholic church with its marvelous organization, is not confronted with the problem of caring for its superannuated clergy, yet the Cardinal was willing to extend his sympathy for a cause that is entirely out of his church. Surely the churches are getting closer together as they should. They are all interested in the one cause to make the world better.

The home garden class of Lyndonville, under the direction of Mrs. John B. Chase, is doing a work which might well be emulated in many Vermont communities. The boys and girls are both enlisted, and the raising of crops and the canning of fruit is only a part of the instruction which teaches the rising generation to be useful. A display of maple sugar products was a recent event, and prizes were given in several classes. The president of the Vermont Sugar Makers' association and other speakers addressed the young workers, manufacturers of sugar-making utensils made exhibits, and there were demonstrations of various ways in which the maple products could be used. The boys and girls of Lyndonville will have something besides book learning to fall back on when they face the problems of life after school days are over.

A writer in the Hudson, N. Y., Republican notes that the history of nearly every successful man may be summed up in the one word—thoroughness. The secret of mechanical, financial, commercial, professional, or any other pre-eminence lies in that one word. Education may shine now and then, but thoroughness glows steadily always. Special training may make fine sparks ahead, but thoroughness is the labored tortoise in the race. Talent may dazzle at times, but thoroughness may be depended on all the time. The thorough men are the solid foundation stones of any business. The listless, time-serving, clock-watching ones are poor material.

Experiments conducted in England to determine the value of banana stalks for pulp for paper making have revealed that the stalks contain a large amount of potash, a material which has been in great demand since its exportation from Germany has ceased on account of the war. According to analyses made by private chemists and the agricultural department of Leeds university, a ton of banana stalks will

yield twenty-five pounds of pure potash. It may turn out that the stalks of the bananas are more valuable than even the delicious fruit which they bring to us from the West Indies.

In a New England town the other day a man was fined \$100 for running away after being in an automobile collision. This is encouraging. It is apparent that the penalty for this dastardly act must be increased if the practice is to be stopped. The time for fooling with reckless automobilists has past and the courts must "put the screws to them" if there is to be a semblance of safety on the public thoroughfares. And no class will be better pleased with this course than autoists interested in their own safety and the safety of others, and who handle their cars as they should.

We are pleased to note in Massachusetts papers appreciation of the fine sentiment and felicitous phrasing in Gov. Gates's Arbor day proclamation.

"You Can Take It or Leave It."

(White River Junction Landmark.)

The story is told of a typical old-time merchant, who when anyone hesitated on a purchase, remarked: "You can take it or leave it. I don't care whether I work or not. If you don't want it, some one else will." That spirit might serve in the old times. In those days, styles changed little and merchants carried goods over from year to year. They could be fairly sure that if they didn't sell this season, they would at some other. The present is a time of changing styles. Live merchants clean up stock and get fresh goods. They would not dare do otherwise. What is good style in 1916 may be outlawed in 1917.

The only way to clean up stock at each season is to advertise it in the newspapers. The man who doesn't is too apt to be the old-time who "didn't care whether he worked or not."

Spring Poem that Is "Different."

The following little verse has been doing missionary work by going the rounds of the press. Since "a word to the wise is sufficient," it is probable that as a result a number of "little cans of paint" may be spread, and that several "little beds of flowers" may be forced into bloom, just where they add most in the way of comfort and attractiveness:

Little beds of flowers,
Little cans of paint,
Makes the homes attractive
Out of them that ain't.

Everyday Wisdom
By Don Howell

Young married couples will find house rents much lower in the vicinity of a volcano.

Why not grant suffrage to women gradually—first to those already active in public life in one way or another? For instance, no one would seriously object right now to giving suffrage to all the lady trick-bicycle riders in the country.

A goldfish must feel discouraged at the end of a hard day's swimming, to find itself at the same place it started out at in the morning.

A man always feels like he is recovering from an amnesia when he comes out into the daylight from a dark matinee.

Speaking of precocious children, there is a man in Kentucky who cursed the day he was born.

FRECKLES

Now is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots.

There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription othine—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots.

Simply get an ounce of othine—double strength—from any druggist and apply a little of it at night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than an ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength othine as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

RAIN

So much rain makes the home dark and dreary.

WHY NOT make it bright and cheerful by sending some of Hopkins's long-lasting, fresh cut flowers or a blooming plant? If you do not wish to send them, take them home. Your money will be well invested. Remember our discount.

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ANOTHER MYSTERY



Oscar R. Hicks disappeared very suddenly from his home yesterday. News Item. (Copyright.)

RANN-DOM REELS

by Howard L. Rann
"of shoes-and ships -and sealing wax-of cabbages-& kings"

THE SPRING BONNET

The spring bonnet is a mournful reminder of woman's supremacy over man. It begins to make its appearance in the show windows and peep shyly out of the department store advertisement before the snow is off the ground, and also before apprehensive husbands have saved up enough money to meet it without wailing at the knees.

The most deadly form of spring bonnet is what is known as the advanced pattern style, which is so exclusive in design that it cannot be patterned after by anyone else without calling in a landscape gardener. The pattern hat is shunned by every husband who has had a bill for one laid on his desk face upward, where he can shed an unavailing tear. In the middle of August, the early spring hat has no more sale value than fleeced underwear in South Africa and can be bought for a crisp \$2 bill. Why is it, then, that woman does not buy her spring hat during the dog days, and thus enable her husband to save more money with which to invest in smoking tobacco and Kelly pool?

The spring bonnet usually comes with nothing on but its shape, which is seized by the deft, \$1-an-hour fingers of the milliner and put through

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The Meddler

"If the coat fits you, put it on"

The traffic posts which the village commissioners have bought for installation at the junction of Main and High streets and Main and Elliot streets ought to be of no inconsiderable value in helping handle the automobile traffic at these congested corners. For the past two or three years The Meddler has been recommending the use of posts of this sort, and he is glad to note that the village authorities have come to his way of looking at the proposition. The statement of the commissioners that "the services of a day policeman will be needed for a few days when these posts are first installed" brings up again the much-discussed question of the need of a police officer on Main street at all times. There are a good many people who believe that Brattleboro is big enough to keep at least one policeman on duty throughout the day, and their contention is that he could earn his salary in a score of ways. On the other hand, there are many folks who believe that there is no reason for a day officer in such a law-abiding community as this. In the opinion of The Meddler, the steadily increasing automobile traffic is enough in itself to make the services of a day officer necessary throughout the spring, summer and fall and the time is not far distant when the village officials will share this belief.

Little comment has been heard thus far on the annual financial statement of the village, issued in pamphlet form last week. The past year has been a rather uneventful one in village affairs, but that the commissioners have been on their job is shown by the fact that they have been able to cut down the liabilities to the extent of \$3,500 and closed the period with a balance of over \$1,800 in the treasury. A tax of 40 cents, the same rate as last year, would be ample to pay current expenses and still further reduce the liability account; in fact, it might be possible to get along with a 38-cent tax although the leeway under this rate might not be considered sufficient to care for unforeseen contingencies.

It is extremely doubtful whether there will be any contest over village officers. Mr. Richmond is the commissioner whose three-year term expires but since he is willing to stand for reelection he will without question be

chosen to succeed himself. When all is said and done, Mr. Richmond probably has as thorough a knowledge of village affairs as any man who has served it for a great many years. Moreover, he is fair-minded and tactful, and invariably on the lookout for the village's interests. The Meddler can think of no good reason why his services should not be retained. Clerk and Treasurer Perry and Tax Collector Shumway will be re-elected as a matter of course, as will also Auditors Tasker and Benson.

The warrant for village meeting contains only two articles pertaining to business outside a purely routine nature. The first of these relates to reimbursing the Valley Fair association for such public use as is made of the fair grounds by the children of Brattleboro. As The Meddler understands it, the fair officials expect only a comparatively small amount, just enough to care for the upkeep on the property; and it would feel disposed to vote the money. Brattleboro does little enough in the way of providing playground facilities for its future citizens. The other article provides the commissioners with authority to offer rewards, not exceeding \$50, for the apprehension of persons guilty of such crimes as sounding false fire alarms. This authority ought to be granted without a moment's debate, and doubtless will be.

A writer in the Rutland News makes the claim that the term fish-hog does not apply simply to the man who catches more fish than he needs or is allowed by law to take, but includes also the man who takes fish from the waters of the state year after year and never does anything toward restocking them. This may be a rather broad definition now that the fishing license law is in effect, but it has been true heretofore that while hundreds of men were always ready and willing to do their share of fish catching the burden of replenishing the streams with fish has been borne by a comparatively few. This situation has been due perhaps less to selfishness than to lack of organization. There are many fishermen in Brattleboro and the surrounding towns who would be willing to pay toward the expense of restocking streams far more than the amount they pay for a license, and if there was a county fish and game club their contributions would be secured regularly.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS

of earning a living, and one sure way to protect your family, i.e., by life insurance. We suggest that you look into our plan, National Life Ins. Co. of Vt. (Mutual).—ALBERT C. LAIRD, Special Agent, Abbot Block.

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In Coats at Small Prices

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Enormous Showing of Better Coats

In All the Wanted Materials.

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A Wide Variety of Black Coats

In wool poplins, men's wear serges, whipcords and silk. All models from the trimmed and dressy black coats to the plain tailored models. In sizes 16 to 44. At from \$5.98 to \$25.00

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In Colored Dresses Are Many Special Values at 50c, 59c and 75c. At 98c is a Special Collection of a Dozen Styles in colored ginghams, plain chambrays and percales. Some with white collars, some piped and smocked, some plaided. All at 98c. Girls' Handsome Dresses at \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98 to \$3.98. Of Scotch ginghams in plaids, stripes and plain colors. Also pretty combinations of striped waists and white skirts.

Girls' Bloomer Dresses from 50c to 98c, for ages 2 to 6, in good quality ginghams, in plaids, stripes and plain colors.

Girls' Separate Bloomers at 50c. For ages 6 to 12 years. In blue and white.

Splendid New Stock of Children Rompers, in the "Breadwinner" and "K. and E." makes. In white and all colors, both plain and fancy. In all styles—open knee, band knee and elastic gathered knee, short sleeves, long sleeves, low and high necks. Also in "Creeper" styles. All at 50c.

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Striped Soisette Middies at \$1.50. In Norfolk styles.

Pink, Blue and White Middies of Soisette at \$1.39.

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Grocer

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